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# SARCOXIE NURSERIES PEONY FIELDS

WILD BROS. NURSERY COMPANY  
Sarcoxie, Missouri

February 6, 1917.

Dear Sir:--

We thank you for the card and will mail the new catalog as soon as received from the printers, probably about Feby. 20th.

We note you are interested in Peonies so mail you this folder which describes these very fully. You will find every color from snowy white to deepest crimson, with even yellow, *Prolifera tricolor*.

We are making a special value spring offer of 25¢ each, 3 for 65¢, 12 for \$2.50, assorted pink, white and yellow, when the selection of varieties is left to us. These will be mostly higher priced kinds of which we happen to have a surplus, and gives you a nice selection and exceptionally good value. Postage extra if wanted by parcel post.

Peonies start into growth early so should be planted early.

The sooner you can now get them out, the sooner they will begin making new roots. May we hear from you?

Respectfully,

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WILD BROS. NURSERY CO.



Peony Mons. Jules Elie

# Beautiful, Fragrant Peonies, From

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## You Can Succeed With Wild Bros.' Pennant Brand Peonies

Of course you can succeed. They are grown to give results, and we fill your orders from just such high grade stock as we use for our own planting. We will not send out stock we would not want to plant ourselves. We know what Peonies need, because down here in the Ozarks we grow immense numbers, both for cut flowers and plants, and we succeed. Rich soil and cultivation more frequent and thorough than the successful farmer gives his crops—from 15 to 20 times during spring, summer and fall—make for superior vitality. PENNANT BRAND PEONIES are grown to supply the demand for the best. They are healthy and well grown, full of real life and vigor.

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## Good, Strong

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Six of a kind at the dozen rate. Large lots priced on request.

## Early Flowering or Officinalis Peonies

This class is valued chiefly because they begin blooming about 5 to 7 days before the earliest of the Albiniflora section, and for that reason are used both for cut flowers and for landscape purposes.

**Officinalis rosea**—Deep purplish rose of large size and

**Officinalis rosea superba**—Very fresh soft pink; large

**Officinalis rubra**—The old-fashioned deep crimson used for cut flowers and landscape work. 30c each



The Peony rivals the rose in fragrance, beauty and variety of form



Alba Sulphurea



Crown of Gold, famous for its beauty

# Snowy White to Deepest Crimson

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Dr. Bretonneau

one of the most  
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and good form. 30c each, \$3.00 per doz.  
; large; well formed. 50c each, \$5.00 per doz.  
; crimson peony (piney), very early hence much  
; 3.00 per doz.

## Flora Section

earliest begin blooming here about May 5th to 7th, finish flowers for about 25 days. By planting Officinalis we usually have blooms June 1st or later, you

becoming blush or lilac white; quite fragrant; midseason. 25c each, \$2.50 per doz.

petals, center petals narrow, forming a full high Festiva maxima; good grower; strong stems. 35c

pink, some inner petals edged and striped carmine; is freely; late. 75c each.

**Alexander Dumas** (Guerin, 1862)—Brilliant pink interspersed with white, salmon and chamois; crown type; a fragrant, pleasing multicolored variety; blooms freely; early; good stems. 35c each, \$3.50 per doz.

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—Very large, very full globular rose type flower; rich violet-rose; late; strong, erect, tall; blooms freely. 75c each.

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**Crown of Gold** (Couronne d'Or; Calot, 1873)—A variety famous for its beauty. Snowy white, reflecting the golden stamens and lighting up the flower, the center petals beautifully flecked and bordered carmine; immense semi-rose type flowers; late; upright, vigorous, with very strong stems; blooms freely; the cut flowers keep well. 50c each, \$5.00 doz.

**Delache** (Delache, 1856)—Deep, rich, amaranthine purple with a crimson reflex, becoming silvery tipped; rose type; late midseason. 40c each, \$4.00 per doz.

**Deficatissima**—Clear delicate shell pink; large; rose type; very fragrant; strong stems; blooms freely; vigorous; a good cut flower; similar to *Floral Treasure* but more erect and stronger. 40c each, \$4.00 doz.

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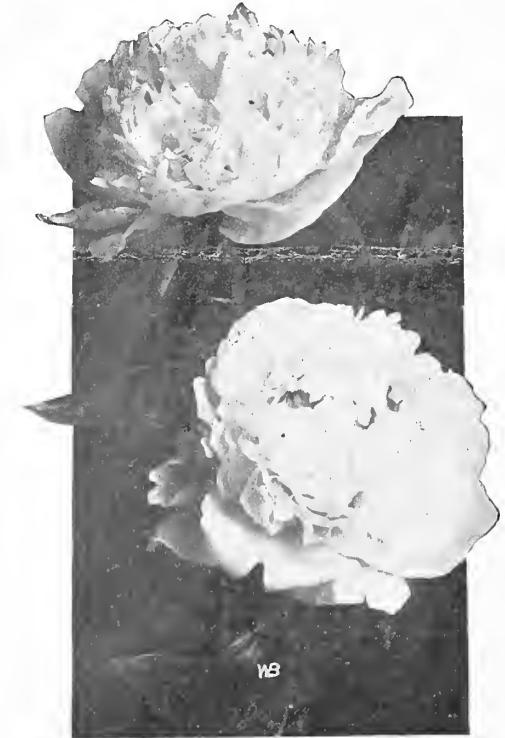
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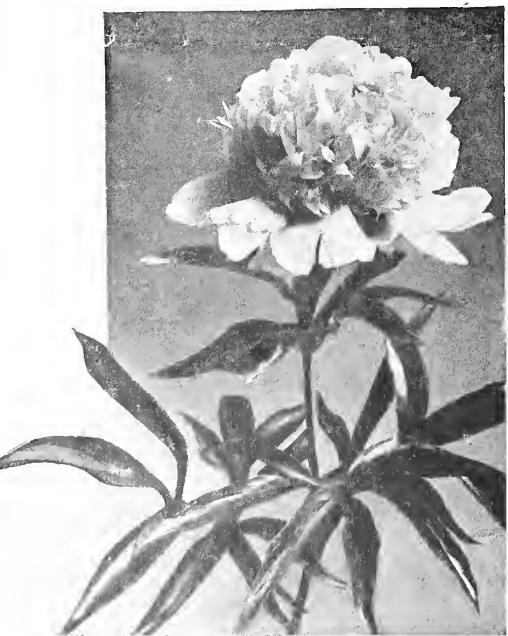
### Peonies, *Albiflora*

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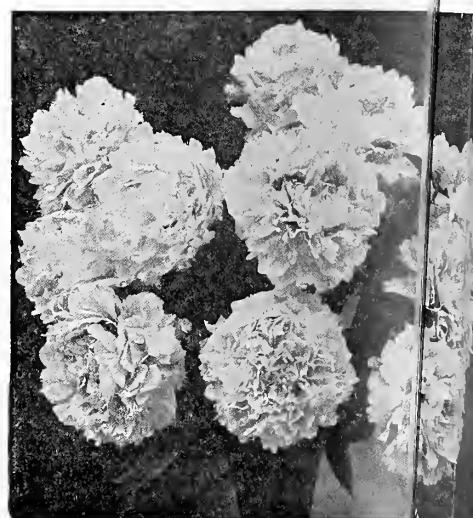
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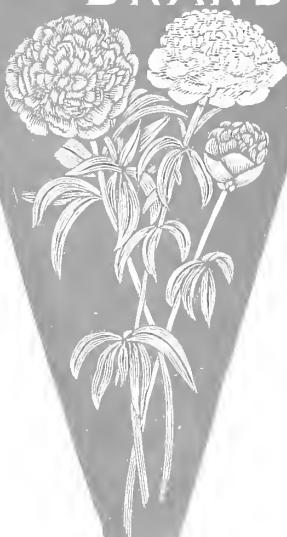
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